White Cranes

MAYBE SO SWEET

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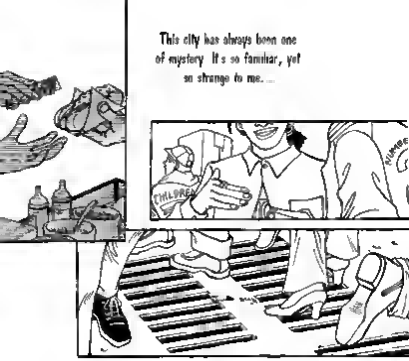
On *Maybe So Sweet's first volume*

Though Maybe so Sweet
first began its run in the spring of 96
(just last year) several setbacks prevented me to
take a few months off after the first book With the start
of the second run I've been able to release another volume I
originally planned the story in an Omnibus format with Al and
Matthew as the faces. Therefore book 1 begins with Al and
Matthew's introduction to the readers, whilst book 2 will focus on
their interpersonal relationships and people story meet. I especially
wanted to make readers feel as if they were watching a movie.
Finally, I want to thank everyone who waited patiently during
my hiatus and those who helped me prepare this work With
the second season I hope to show my gratitude the best
way I can and that everyone will think of
my work fondly



But today is even more special

Such as that!
To them, this street may feel as romantic as Venice.

People change their perception of the world on the slightest whim, especially if it brings them happiness.

The polluted air, the tall buildings... the traffic congestions, the streams of people...

Everything can be changed into something beautiful...

Just like me

WOW! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

M·A·Y·B·E SO SWEET

Part 0 : The only one

MAIN CHARACTERS

MATTHEW LEE

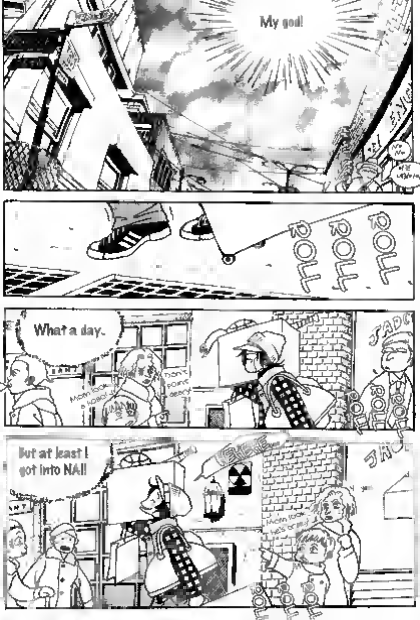
KOREAN NAME: LEE HYUK JUN (2ND GENERATION AMERICAN)
PLACE OF BIRTH: GARDEN GROVE, NEAR L.A.
HEIGHT: 174 CM
WEIGHT: 76 KG
HAS BEEN IN NEW YORK SINCE LAST YEAR. ATTEMPTED TO ENTER NAT UNIT FAILED. THE ENTRANCE EXAM. RETOOK IT AND WAS BARELY ABLE TO MAKE IT. WANTS TO PRODUCE A FILM ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN CINEMATIC PRODUCTION. HIS HOBBY OF CREATING DOCUMENTARY-STYLE FILMS IS HIS ONLY SAVING GRACE. HE DOES THIS ON HIS TREASURED HANDY CAM VIDEO HIS CONSTANT COMPANION. HE HAS NO SPECIFIC TASTE IN MUSIC OR MOVIE AND GENERALLY ENJOYS EVERYTHING. HE HAS ONLY BEEN TO KOREA ONCE DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. HOWEVER, HE IS PROFICIENT IN KOREAN THANKS TO HIS PARENTS AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF KOREANS IN HIS SCHOOL. BUT HE IS UNABLE TO MAKE [illegible] PHRASES). HIS FAVORITE SPORTS ARE SWIMMING, SURFING, AND BASKETBALL, AND HE WAS ON THE SWIM TEAM IN HIGH SCHOOL (APPARENTLY VERY PROMISING) HOWEVER. A PROLONGED ILLNESS ENDED THAT CAREER AND DURING HIS DARKER DAYS HE DEVELOPED A LOVE FOR CINEMATOGRAPHY.

ALEXANDRA REYNOLDS

NICKNAMED AL. ALEXSANDRA IS A SECOND YEAR IN THE NEW YORK ART INSTITUTE (NAT) THOUGH AL. WORKS NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC MAJOR. SHE IS TAKING COURSES IN GRAPHIC ARTS. SHE INDEPENDENTLY FOUNDED THE MAC A MOVIE CLUB. EVEN THOUGH AL'S FATHER IS A FAMOUS DIRECTOR, THEIR RELATIONSHIP IS STRAINED.
HEIGHT: 178 CM
WEIGHT: 59 KG
CURRENTLY LIVING IN EAST VILLAGE.

Jenny! My sweet Jenny! I've just registered at NAI.
My dream school!
Yes!
Today is the best.
TAP
TAP
!

NO WAY
MRS. SILVIA, GIVE ME JUST ONE MONTH... NO, TWO WEEKS AND I SWEAR I'LL GET ALL THE RENT PAID!
NOW LOOK HERE, LEE! WE AIN'T RUNNIN' A CHARITY FOR YOU FOLKS. WHY, WE'RE ALREADY PUSHING IT BY NOT CHARGING YA FOR THE OVERDUE RENTS NOW, SCRAM!
BA NG!
Th... this means...
I'm now homeless!


My god!
Oh, I'm moving
ROLL ROLL ROLL
What a day.
I WANT
MORE COMICS
TOO!
MORE COMICS
TOO!
SADE
But at least I got into NAI!
I WANT
MORE COMICS
TOO!

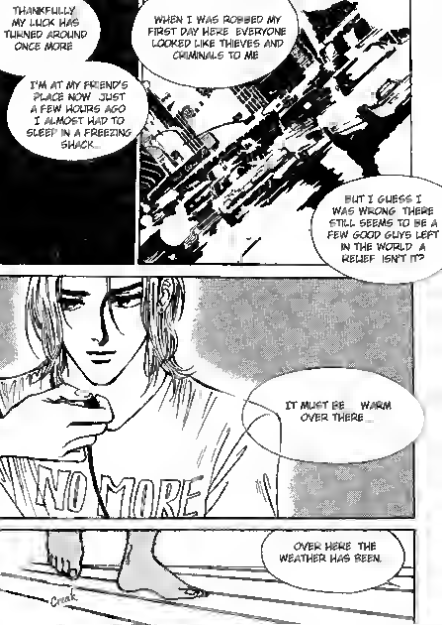
WELL, IT'S NO PROBLEM FOR ME BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY? WE DON'T HAVE CENTRAL HEATING
BUGS
YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
WHAT'S UP MATT? WERE YOU PAID IN ADVANCE?
I ALREADY DID THAT LAST WEEK
I COULDN'T PAY MY RENT BECAUSE OF THE REGISTRATION FEE..
I DECIDED TO STAY IN THE DRESSING ROOM, JUST UNTIL I GET A NEW PLACE.
Are You Crazy?
IT'S FREEZING IN THERE!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
AFTER A FIGHT WITH NANCY, I HAD TO SLEEP THERE
IT WAS SO COLD EVEN MY PISS WAS FREEZING SOLID. JUST NEVER BEEN PISSED THERE
JUST FORGET ABOUT THERE AND COME CRASH AT MY PLACE. I'LL MAKE SURE NANCY UNDERSTANDS...

REALLY? THANKS BILL
OF COURSE! BY THE WAY, I'LL BE HOME LATE TONIGHT SO YOU SHOULD JUST GET THERE FIRST HERE'S THE KEY

Even though I'm a soldier, it's pretty scarcely

DEAREST JENNY

TODAY WAS A STRANGE DAY I EXPERIENCED BOTH HEAVEN AND HELL IN THE SAME DAY
I'VE FINALLY MADE IT INTO SCHOOL BUT LOST MY PLACE TO STAY AMAZING ISN'T IT?


THANKFULLY, MY LUCK HAS TURNED AROUND ONCE MORE
I'M AT MY FRIEND'S PLACE NOW. JUST A FEW HOURS AGO I ALMOST HAD TO SLEEP IN A FREEZING SHACK...
WHEN I WAS ROBBED MY FIRST DAY HERE EVERYONE LOOKED LIKE THIEVES AND CRIMINALS TO ME
BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG. THERE STILL SEEMS TO BE A FEW GOOD GUYS LEFT IN THE WORLD. A RELIEF, ISN'T IT?
IT MUST BE... WARM OVER THERE...
NO MORE
OVER HERE THE WEATHER HAS BEEN...
Crack

A E YOU OKAY, LEE?
AH, NANCY!
I'VE GOT THE HEATER ON HIGH...
IT'S FINE
IN FACT
SHOULD I.
WARM YOU UP AS WELL?

YOUR EYES ARE SO BEAUTIFUL. OH, YOU WON'T MIND ME CALLING YOU MATTHEW RIGHT?
I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY SAID ORIENTAL EYES ARE MYSTERIOUS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THEM SO CLOSE.
AND ON THIS YOUTHFUL FACE...
YOU'RE BETTER BUILT THAN I SUSPECTED.
Th.. this is...
WHAT THE HELL!

WOL... HOLD A SECOND NANCY!
WHAT'S WRONG, MATTHEW?
OH, ARE YOU,.. GAY?
AH...
THAT'S RIGHT!
SHIVER
What a day.

In the end even my sexual preferences got switched.
Ahhhh... for such a good day.
But at least it's better than doing my friend's girlfriend.
I don't even want anything, just please let tomorrow be...
A normal day!

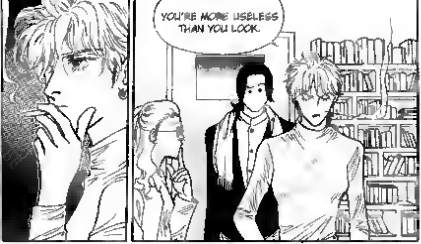
ALL THAT WEIGHT LOST...
JUST TO GET ACCEPTED
I'll regain all my weight at the cafeteria
EHR
BORING
WHAT?
HEY YOU! WAS THAT DIRECTED AT ME?

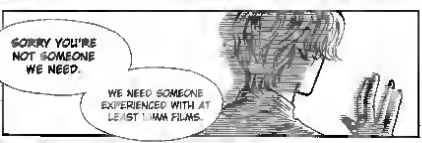
Lots of people looking for roommates...
Alright this one...
EXCUSE ME...

AL! YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR. LOOKS LIKE A NEW MEMBER.
HUH?
YOU'RE THAT...

HUH? IT'S THAT BUMPKIN FROM BEFORE!
HEH THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT

KNOW HOW TO USE A COLOR METER?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS?
GRAY CARD?
NO...
NOPE.
DUNNO.


YOU'RE MORE USELESS THAN YOU LOOK.


SORRY YOU'RE NOT SOMEONE WE NEED.
WE NEED SOMEONE EXPERIENCED WITH AT LEAST 10MM FILMS.

Huh, this was a movie club?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT VIDEO CAM...
JUST STICK TO FAMILY EVENTS
WAIT A SEC!

LOOK HERE! THIS ISN'T JUST A STUPID FAMILY CAMCORDER.
BESIDES, I'M HERE TO SEE THAT REYNOLDS FELLOW FOR THE ROOMMATE OFFER
THAT REYNOLDS FELLOW IS ME
Huh?

MAN, WHAT A BAD START TO MY DAY
FORGET ABOUT IT THEN
WHY? BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN?
IS THAT ONE OF THOSE CONSERVATIVE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE EASTERN WORLD?
THIS IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
I WANT A ROOMMATE WHO CAN RESPECT OTHERS AS EQUALS. NOT SOMEONE TO FIGHT WITH.

CREAK
ARE YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO GET ROOMMA...
SLAM
OH, AND I WON'T ACCEPT THAT STAMP OF FAILURE FROM BEFORE I'M HERE TO LEARN CINEMATOGRAPHY AND I'LL GAIN EXPERIENCE AS TIME GOES ON
NEXT TIME I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GIVE ME A PROPER EXAMINATION.
SLAM
WHAT A SCENE

The room was cheap, but I can't live with her.
I'll have to get a room before the start of the semester, but I can't afford a single room.
I accept the fact that I'm inexperienced, but what's up with that attitude?
And why did she take a crack at this video cam? It's my treasured possession.
THANK YOU
WHIRRR

Oh...
It's that arrogant...

WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY?
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT. THE ROOM'S TOO BIG FOR ONE PERSON. BESIDES, I CAN SAVE MONEY.

WHAT IF I JUST PAY YOU THAT RENT? THAT IS...
NO. THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO DO THAT, YASMIN.
IT'S ALREADY OVER.
YOU CHOSE SOMEONE ALREADY?
YEAH, SOME IDIOT.

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HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE CAN'T CONTINUE WITHOUT MORE STAFF!
WHAT?
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SURPRISED?!
WE HAVE TO HAVE STAFF TO CARRY ON RELEASING PROJECTS?!
WELL YEH, DUH. WE NEED K->E, J->E, C->E TRANSLATORS, EDITORS, CLEANERS, QUALITY CHECKERS ...
HOW ELSE WOULD WE CARRY ON RELEASING PROJECTS?!